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Attorney Docket No.: DIVER1280-14

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: William Michael Lafferty Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/894,956 Examiner: B.J. Forman
Filed: June 27, 2001 Confirmation No.: 7268
Title: CAPILLARY ARRAY-BASED SAMPLE SCREENING

MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a submission after the Notice of Appeal filed April 22, 2004.

The requested extension is for one (1) month, extending the period for filing a submission from June 22, 2004 to July 22, 2004.

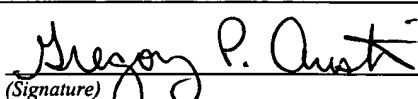
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I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, July 16, 2004 , in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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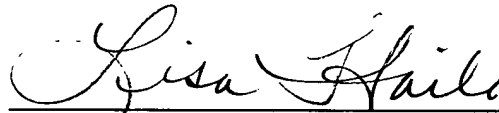
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Applicants claim **SMALL ENTITY** status in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.

Enclosed is Check No. 563160 in the amount of \$440.00 in payment of the request for continued examination fee (\$385.00) and the one (1) month extension of time fee (\$55.00). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 16, 2004



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